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Situation Report Kansas City Area & Other Severe Storms May 2, 2008, 4 p.m.

UPDATED INFORMATION IN BOLD

SUMMARY

Strong thunderstorms pushed into western Missouri early today, ahead of a fast-moving cold front which also produced some high straight-line winds, possible tornadoes and other storms across the southern half of the state. The first storms caused damage in the Kansas City Metro area, with local reports of wind gusts near 90 miles per hour. More than 30,000 customers were without power in that area, with other reports of power loss and damage in the outlying region and in southern Missouri. There are no reports of fatalities or serious injuries. This line of storms continued to move very quickly to the east across the state. **Governor Blunt signed Executive Order 08-17 which extends state emergency operations allowing state agencies to assist with the local emergency response efforts from May 1 to June 1, 2008. He has been in contact with the EOC and state agencies concerning response efforts for Kansas City area communities after the morning severe weather/storms.**

Utility Outages

Aquila reports **4,300** customers without power in Liberty, Platte City and Kansas City area. Restoration was expected tonight.

Kansas City Power & Light reported 21,000 customers without power, with restoration also expected later today.

Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives reports some scattered outages around the state. **Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative** has asked for some assistance due to outages there, although those may be taken care of later today.

City/County Reports:

City of Kansas City – Fire Department has mobile command post in place and is working the area hit by the storm. Primary and secondary search and rescue operations are complete there. Crews are assessing damaging and marking houses. So far, five were destroyed, 20 have major damage, 40 with significant damage and 100 had some damage. No fatalities and two or three minor injuries reported. No requests for additional assistance. **Two shelters are now open.**



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Clay County – City of Gladstone reports high winds destroyed one commercial structure with five others with significant damage. A number of duplexes and homes were damaged. Moderate damage reported to several city buildings. Debris-clearing work is underway. **County has declared a State of Emergency in its unincorporated areas.**

Christian County - Power lines snapped off and power out at Hwy 65 and Hwy 14, Trees down and blocking roads, and billboards blown down - This was all centered around the city of Ozark. School is closed

Douglas County – Elementary school in Ava was closed due to power outage, **but structure was not damaged. Assessments have 30 businesses and 20 homes with minor to major damage. Power may remain out in part of the county until Monday. Special needs residents being referred to other area facilities. County is requesting generators due to power outages.** American Red Cross is on-scene to assist and damage assessment is underway. No injuries and no shelters opened.

Dunklin County – MSHP officers report storm damage from a line of storms that moved through this afternoon. There are reports of a large farm shed and several center pivot systems that are destroyed near Caruth.

Eastern Jackson County – County reporting two businesses destroyed and one with major damage, with possibly several hundred homes affected- that assessment is continuing. Debris removal is continuing with still about 1,700 customers without power. A lot of tree damage being identified. In Independence, one business was destroyed with several others heavily damaged. Several homes were blown off their foundations and others were damaged. No significant injuries reported.

Phelps County – Tree limbs down. No requests for assistance.

Pulaski County - Tree limbs down. No requests for assistance.

Stone County - Trees down blocking many roads - schools closed in Galena due to trees blocking roads.

Taney County – Trees and power lines down across wide area; some are on roadways. In Hollister, six mobile homes affected with two destroyed. Power outages reported in Forsyth and Taneyville areas.

Washington County – Damage assessments indicate downed trees are blocking several roads with scattered power outages due to transformers down. Minor damage to homes (shingles and siding removed). No requests for assistance.

Wright County – Southern end of the county was affected. Four-to-six businesses and 5-to-10 homes damaged in Norwood and Mountain Grove areas. Downed trees being cleared from roads and damage assessment is underway. No injuries reported.

Regional Reports:

Region A – No requests for assistance. Some minor road blockages reported.

State Agencies:

The State Emergency Management Agency – SEMA continues to monitor the storms as they move across the state, along with other state departments and agencies.

Missouri Information Analysis Center – The MIAC has been assisting SEMA in updating the situation throughout the State.

Missouri State Highway Patrol – MSHP has officers assigned to affected areas from the storms.

Department of Natural Resources – DNR staff has been ready to assist local jurisdictions with issues dealing with potential water treatment and hazardous chemicals issues.

Department of Transportation – MoDOT reported three roads closed in Clay County this morning.

Non-Governmental Organizations:

American Red Cross - ARC has set up shelters at Antioch Bible Baptist Church, 800 NE 72nd St. Kansas City, and at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, 1600 North 291 Highway (I-35 & 291) in Liberty. Springfield chapter is supporting operations in Douglas County.

Americorps is on stand-by for debris-related issues they may be able to provide assistance for.

2-1-1 is on stand-by and ready to assist residents affected by the storms. **Worked with city of Independence to help coordinate calls from residents.**

Salvation Army - TSA has two canteens in the northland area and one in Gladstone serving the survivors and rescue workers. They are doing a social services assessment to see if there are any immediate assistance needs.

Weather:

The National Weather Service indicates storms have just about moved out of the state late this afternoon. The weekend should be dry, with high temperatures tomorrow generally in the 50s and then into the 60s on Sunday. Another storm system may move back into western Missouri Tuesday and Wednesday, bringing another chance of thunderstorms.

Point of Contact:

The State Emergency Management Agency has activated the State Emergency Operations to a Level One and can be contacted until 4:30 pm at 573-526-9100. Any requests for assistance after hours should be directed to the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.